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have the election itself no later than August 15th of each year, of the year in which the lid is to be imposed. As you may recall, mill levies have got to be certified to the county board by August 15th and I am sure that is why we used the August 15th date. Well, the one thing we did with the committee amendments to 609 is we took the date back thirty days to July 15th. Now as you know, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee was the committee to which the lid bills were assigned and we had an evening full of public hearing on lid issues and we heard testimony on 609 and we heard testimony on 627 and I can tell you one of the things that lid proponents or persons who want to be able to impose lids on local governmental subdivisions say is that they don't like the one hundred and twenty day requirement in 627 because it is their personal belief that they won't even have in their hands the proposed budgets of the subdivisions that they are going to take on more than one hundred and twenty days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. They think that they, in effect, will never be able to make out a good case, in a sense, for imposing a lid because they won't have the facts in front of them and I think that point has got a lot of credibility. So what we did with the committee amendment, we just said if you are going to hold an election you have got to hold it before July 15th of the year because that would then mean that the election wouldn't be held right on the eve of a new mill levy certification process. It would be held at least thirty days prior to the mill levy certification date, to wit, August 15th of the year. So there would be adequate time for the local subdivision to respond to a lid but there wouldn't be so much time to respond to the lid that those who want to take the issue to the voters would literally be defeated because they wouldn't have any information to begin with, to even begin to circulate the petitions. Now I think that LB 6...the committee amendments to LB 609 make for an excellent lid bill and I personally would support the committee amendments, and then move the bill and I think the bill should be right out there.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, read the amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Stoney moves to amend the committee amendments, and Senator Stoney's amendment is on page 1290 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.